required by Mr. Henry:

Yeas — Messrs. President, Horney, Kirk, Heritze and Gadow — 5

Nays — Messrs. Fleming, Feler, Simmons, and Sullivan — 5.

Mr. Heritze moved to amend the second section of the ordinance, by adding thereto the words "all such proposals to be opened in the presence of the members of the joint Standing Committee on Wharves, and in all cases the contract shall be awarded to the lowest bidder," which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Fleming

Yeas — Messrs. President, Horney, Heritze and Gadow — 4

Nays — Messrs. Fleming, Kirk, Feler, Simmons, Reichmann, and Sullivan — 6

The question being taken on the passage of the ordinance, it was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Kirk.

Yeas — Messrs. Fleming, Feler, Simmons, Reichmann and Sullivan — 5.

Nays — Messrs. President, Horney, Kirk, Heritze and Gadow — 5.

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

In First Branch

Baltimore, December 31, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully non-concur in your proposition that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next, and on that day adjourn sine die; and propose with your concurrence, that when we adjourn on Friday evening next we stand adjourned sine die.

By order

John Bunting, Clerk

Mr. Fleming moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 5 O'clock.

By order

Allen E. Forrester.

Thursday, January 1st 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,

Present — John B. Seidenstricker Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

In First Branch.

Baltimore January 1st 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch;

We respectfully ask the appointment of a Joint Special Committee, on the memorials of mechanics and others, relative to the Masters of Machinery of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, having built ten wheel engines, at the north &c., and name on the part of this branch, Messrs. Hynes, Nelle, and Harvey.

By order,

John Bunting, Clerk.

Mr. Kirk moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

The President appointed Messrs. Kirk, Reichmann and Horney, as the Committee on the part of this Branch.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to open Republican Street, from Lexington to Franklin Street", was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution relative to appropriating the sum of twenty five dollars for having the necessary repairs done to the Shedding at the Centre Market, was received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion of Mr. Horney, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to condemn a twenty foot alley running from Sager West to West Chase Streets, as a public highway, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Horney, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Kirk the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 O'clock.

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clk.

Friday, January 2d 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John B. Seidenstricker, Esq., President and all the members.